

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

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The American Legion Department of Michigan opposes the passage of HB 5456

- **The provision to have a complete filing of fact 30 days after a person files their lawsuit takes away from their ability to completely depose all parties properly.**
- **Per testimony last week the docket of a judge went from over 1000 cases to 12 after a similar law passed. Which means over 300 veterans did not receive due process in the claims.**
- **The accusation that many of these claims are filed fraudulently says that veterans are lying about the cause of their disease.**
- **The American Legion letter from the national headquarters in their possession does not address this Michigan law specifically.**
- **Those in favor of this bill did not contact The American Legion in Michigan.**
- **If the objective is to put the Wayne County Court model for all of Michigan, then put the Wayne County provision in a bill. The Wayne County model does not restrict the plaintiff to having all information ready 30 days after filing. It still allows the proper legal process to proceed.**

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